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**IRS SELECTS DIRECTOR FOR ELECTRONIC COMMERCE IN THE
LARGE AND MID-SIZE BUSINESS, INTERNATIONAL, DIVISION**

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service announced today the appointment of James R. Eads, Jr., as the Director, Electronic Commerce, in its Large and Mid-Size Business, International, Division.

As Director, Electronic Commerce, Eads will lead the IRS's strategic efforts to plan, develop and implement programs and initiatives relating to tax administration and compliance issues associated with the conduct of business electronically, other than e-filing. He will serve as the primary IRS advisor on these issues and will represent the IRS in international meetings and projects.

"Jim Eads will provide leadership and direction on a wide variety of issues concerning the tax administration and compliance implications of e-business," said Larry Langdon, Commissioner, LMSB. "He will be charged with meeting the challenges of e-business, a new and rapidly evolving phenomenon that affects tax administrators and the business community around the world."

Prior to his appointment, Eads was a partner at Ernst & Young, leading the National Tax Department telecommunications and electronic commerce policy, state and local tax practice. He previously held positions as Senior Attorney and Government Relations Counsel at AT&T, Senior Tax Attorney at Sears, Roebuck and Co. and Chief Counsel at the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration.

Eads has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a law degree from the University of Arkansas.

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